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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices in the major terminal markets were unchanged in the West, but sharply lower in the East and Central region when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was still barely steady to weak. Retail and distributive demand was slow and disappointing, but about normal into fast food channels. Supplies were reported in a better position than last week, but still fully adequate to ample. Floor stocks were usually reported in a range of balanced to long. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective with most buyers still limiting purchasing for immediate needs. Supplies were irregular, but where available were often slow to clear even when competitive priced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

<u>Final Report</u> of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 01-OCT-2007 (cents per lb)

	US GRADE A		CO	MPOSITE	
<u>AREAS</u>	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD L	<u>OADS</u>
		<u>AVG</u>		<u>AVG</u>	
Boston/New Eng	gland TFEWR		:	69.58	24
Chicago	60.00-63.00	62.69	31 :	58.51	60
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	51.74	17
Denver	87.50	87.13	14 :	87.13	14
Detroit	63.00-65.00	67.86	7:	63.21	60
Los Angeles	88.00	86.82	55 :	79.00	125
New York	68.00-71.00	68.67	21 :	68.02	46
Philadelphia	66.50-68.00	67.27	11:	65.25	22
Pittsburgh	66.00-68.00	67.73	11:	72.19	56
St. Louis	61.50-62.75	62.16	17 :	63.35	28
San Francisco	88.50	88.28	30 :	86.39	60
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Composite Weighted Average

Loads 10/01/07 Change Last Wk 09/24/07 10/02/06 512 70.66 -3.46 74.12 64.24

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delivered to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities:

REGIONS	<u>MAJORITY</u>	WTD AVG	LOADS	
Eastern	66.00-68.00	67.33	35	
Central	39.00-66.00	56.17	71	
Western	57.00-67.00	65.06	45	
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	78.00-82.00	80.04	89	

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 81.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 ½ to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

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LOADS R	ANGE FO	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT	
1,116 61.0	0-82.00	79.68	
Georgia f.o.b. dock conf	irmed FINAL weig	hted average price on ice-packed	
parts:	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME	
LINE RUN TENDERS	187.00	1,400	
BREASTS - B/S	163.00	5,816	
BREASTS - WHOLE	99.00	1,435	
THIGH MEAT - B/S	113.50	1,154	
LEG QUARTERS	46.00	9,146	
WINGS	127.50	2.720	

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive as most dealers saw no need to extend floor stocks beyond regular commitments. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to readily available for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items, drums, thighs, wings and tenders were fully adequate to readily available and slow to clear.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was unsettled and cautious for early week business. Demand was reported as slow to fair and not much inquiry for any additional product. Supplies were fully adequate for full trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was slow to occasionally moderate. However, all product remain available for limited trade interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Regular commitments traded at generally unchanged prices; however, new negotiations were at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were ample. Surplus product was slow to clear out. Smaller weights were in the closest position. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was moderate at best. Dealers reported moderate weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 61.76 down 2; with the volume reported at 34 loads unchanged.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS All markets reported lower final majority prices; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was barely steady to weak. Offerings plentiful on a limited trade call. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate overall; occasionally fairly good demand was noted on a few retail ads, fast food promotions and catering. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate; weights desirable to heavy. Parts offerings of breast cuts were ample, moderate to heavy on wings and dark meat items. The market tone was mostly weak on breast items, barley steady to weak on wings and cautiously steady on all other parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS before the week. Offerings were usually reported as fully adequate to readily available for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment ranged barely steady to mostly weak. In the parts complex, b/s breast items were ample and continued to be discounted. Most dark meat cuts and wings were fully sufficient to available and clearing slowly.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

	BRANDED U.S.GRADE A
RANGE	57-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)

(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

NO. OF BOXES

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest continued mostly light and selective with most dealers cautious and limiting orders to most immediate needs. Supplies of breast items and tenders were ample and competitively priced. Drums, thighs and wings were available and slow to clear. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was barely steady to weak for breast items and tenders. Most dark meat cuts and wings were no better than steady to instances weak.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

	C	URRENT	WTD	VOLUME
ITEM	NEGOTIATED TI	RADING*	AVG**	/LBS
BREAST - B/S		130-135	136.86	434,500
TENDERLOINS	3	120-125	131.81	120,480
BREAST - WIT	H RIBS	79-80	91.61	59,720
BREAST - LINE	RUN	79	81.13	95,400
LEGS		59-60	63.70	93,400
LEG QUARTER	RS (BULK)	43-44	45.24	155,200
DRUMSTICKS		59-60	65.28	59,120
THIGHS		50-51	56.27	57,920
B/S THIGHS		110-111	111.56	77,660
WINGS (WHOL		126-127	127.65	137,181
BACKS AND N	ECKS (STRIPPEI	D) 10-12	11.37	12,240
LIVERS (5 POL	JND TUBS)	35-40	36.15	4,160
GIZZARDS (HE	ARTS)	70-75	74.69	8,600
	METROPOLITAN		THERN NJ, M	IA, CT, RI, ANI
PA (NORTHEAS	Γ OF HARRISBURG	6).		

^{*} TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

PC	UNDS			WTD
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,720	100.00-223.00	-	122.15
TENDERLOINS	326	108.00-242.00	-	126.89
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REI	PORT -	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REI	PORT -	
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REI	PORT -	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK		37.00-44.00	39-41	39.80
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,422	37.00-44.00	40-43	40.15
WINGS (WHOLE)	1,116	82.00-127.00	-	114.82
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REI	PORT -	
THIGHS	1,529	40.00-52.00	41-42	41.12

ESTIMATE ACTUAL AVG WTS ACTUAL AVG WTS 10/01 09/27 09/27 09/24 09/20 Alabama 4,235 4,102 5.46 4.150 5.51 Arkansas 5,280 5,433 5.35 5,245 5.31 5.66 Delmarva 5.97

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In Thousands)

2,231 2,255 2,234 **KY-LA-TN** 5.03 5.09 2,477 2,431 2,427 Mississippi 3,140 3,135 5.57 3.145 5.56 North Carolina 2.931 2.853 6.88 2.869 6.91 2,501 2,578 5.34 5.30 Texas 2,557 Total 22,795 22,787 5.59 22,627 5.62 Mon 22,795 (A) 22,627 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Oct 2007 is estimated to be 34,104,000 up 0.44 percent from a week ago and up 3.8 percent from a year ago. (last week 33,954,000 last year 32,860,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS
LENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

PO	UNDS			WTD
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG
BREAST - B/S	566	110.00-192.00	-	126.43
TENDERLOINS	153	100.00-178.00	-	118.31
BREAST - LINE RUN	T	OO FEW TO REPO	DRT	
FRONT HALVES	T	OO FEW TO REPO	DRT	
LEGS	128	48.00-64.00	53-54	54.31
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	560	36.00-44.00	39-40	39.86
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	613	39.00-47.00	42-43	42.37
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	95.00-126.00	-	106.39
WINGS (CUT)	T	OO FEW TO REPO	DRT	
DRUMSTICKS	T	OO FEW TO REPO	DRT	
THIGHS	T	OO FEW TO REPO	DRT	
B/S THIGHS	T	OO FEW TO REPO	DRT	
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INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR OCT 01, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
45.50 - 55.00	48.51	50.58
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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES
DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI
WEEK OF 01-OCT-2007 TO 05-OCT-2007, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	WOSTIY
BREAST - B/S	105.00 -144.00	112.00 -131.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	53.00 - 106.00	82.00 - 99.00
LEGS	40.00 - 64.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38.00 - 52.00	40.00 - 43.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	42.00 - 48.00	43.00 - 46.00
DRUMSTICKS	39.00 - 67.00	-
THIGHS	48.00 - 63.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	88.00 - 126.00	105.00 -125.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 75.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
2# & UP - WHOLE	93.5-109.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	97-114
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
EDOZENI SOLIARS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

FRESH FRYERS	92-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	70-79
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
BROILER/FRYER 2# & OVER	ICE PACK	126
	DRY PACK	130
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	145
	DRY PACK	125
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	124

199-204

DUCKS

^{**} WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

SEPT 28, 2007

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

SEPT 28, 2007

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED ---- PRICES ---- VOLUME ----- (Cents per Pound)

CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS RANGE WTD AVERAGE	18.00 18.00	15.00-16.00 15.83	502,000	262,000
15-20% RANGE 16 WTD AVERAGE	6.00-21.00 17.78	11.00-16.00 13.56	1,830,400	1,070,400
20% OR MORE RANGE WTD AVERAGE	-	14.00 14.00	80,000	-

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH,

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED ---- PRICES ---- VOLUME ----- (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS RANGE WTD AVERAGE	21.00 21.00	16.00 16.00	154,000	-
15-20% RANGE WTD AVERAGE	20.00 20.00	11.00-15.75 12.41	1,167,200	571,200
20% OR MORE RANGE WTD AVERAGE	-	13.50 13.50	81,600	-

^{*} INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was mostly steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-OCT-07

			WTD
	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13		9.57
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO I	FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO I	FEW TO REPORT	

^{*} WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HENS

Trading levels were lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-OCT-07

			WTD
	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-12.5		9.25

^{*} WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HENS